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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

David J. Hammond *et al.*

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Examiner: Angieszka Boesen

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Sir:

This Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement is in reply to the Office Action dated **May 23, 2006**, in the above-identified application, for which a petition for a two month Extension of Time, along with payment of the appropriate fee, is attached, making

UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AMENDMENTS, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

BY Houri Khalilian

DATE: March 28, 2006

reply due on or before **August 23, 2006**.